(c) whether Indian Film Stars have participated in any cultural and fund raising programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is a suggestion by them that travel formalities be made easier for the people of the two countries to visit each other?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government are aware of the visits of Indian film stars to Pakistan in the recent past.

(b) According to information available with Government, these film stars were on private visits to Pakistan. Government are not aware of any formal representation having been made by them to the Pakistani authorities to lift the ban on the import of Indian films into Pakistan.

(c) Shri Dilip Kumar is reported to have participated in some fund-raising activities in Rawalpindi, Peshawar and Karachi.

(d) Shri Dilip Kumar reportedly made this suggestion in a speech on the 8th April, 1988.

Prime Minister's visit to China

1087. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goernment's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'The Times of India' dated the 13th April, 1988 to the effect that the Prime Minister is expected to visit China later this year and the reported views of the Chinese leader Mr. Ziyang that the border problem between India and China could be resolved in the light of the four principles, namely, respect for history, regard to the national sentiments of the Indian and the Chinese peoples, maintaining the *status quo* and mutual understanding and mutual co-operation;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Chinese proposals on the issue of India-China border and the reaction of Government to the reported views expressed by the Chinese leader; and

(c) whether the Prime Minister has accepted the invitation to visit China, if so, the expected date of his visit and the details of the issues to be discussed with the Chinese leader?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the The Times of India report dated 13.4.1988.

(b) The specific details of any so-called "proposal" by China on the boundary question remain to be defined or clarified. The reaction of Government would depend upon such clarification.

(c) Prime Minister has accepted the invitation in principle. No details have been finalised as yet.

Vacant post in the department of Electronics

1088. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Department of Electronics during the period from 1984-85 to 1987-88;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacancies;

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up; and

(d) details of remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) As on 1.4.88, 172 posts in various categories are lying vacant in Department of Electronics.

(b) to (d) Generally action is taken immediately in filling vacant posts. At a particular point of time, a certain number of posts do remain vacant on account of the formalities connected with the recruitment procedure. Some of the vacancies had occured only during last year due to reversion of deputationists, resignations, etc. The procedures are reviewed from time to time and appropriate steps are taken to fill the posts including abolition of posts where necessary.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report (1987) of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Union Government (Commercial) Part-II relating to Indian Airlines.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): Madam, on behalf of Shri Motilal Vora, I beg to lay on the Table, under clause (1) of article 151 of the Constitution a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1987, Union Government (Commercial) Part-II relating to Indian Airlines. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6067/88]

One hundred twenty-first Report of the Law Commission of India on a New Forum for Judicial Appointments

SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ: Madam, I also beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the One hundred twenty-first Report of the Law Commission of India on a New Forum for Judicial Appointments. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6056/88]

Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), under sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 324(E), dated the 3rd March, 1988, publishing the Central Administrative Tribunal (Salaries and Allowances and Conditions of Service of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Members) Third Amendment Rules, 1988.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 423(E), dated the 4th April, 1988, publishing the Orissa Administrative Tribunals (Salaries and Allowances and Conditions of Service of Chairman and Members) Amendment Rules, 1988.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 424(E), dated the 4th April, 1988, publishing the Himachal Pradesh Administrative Tribunals (Salaries and Allowances and Conditions of Service of Chairman and Memebrs) Amendment Rules, 1988.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 425(E), dated the 4th April, 1988, publishing the Karnataka Administrative Tribunal (Salaries and Allowances